

Go to the library, see the world!

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While life here in the 'Pearl of Antillies' is known for its year-round 80 degree plus temperatures, deep-sea diving and absence of traffic jams, GTMO residents still frequently visit other cities and countries around the world.

With so many destinations to choose from, planning a vacation prior to departing can help travelers ease some of the common pains that go along with taking an annual summer 'va-ca'.

So where can GTMO residents turn to indulge in all of the logistics of travel research? The GTMO Community Library.

"We have a number of books on different destinations," said Maxine Becker, community library director, "We have books about everything from

the walks of London to irreverent Chicago, which is off the beaten track from regular Chicago," said Becker.

The library also has reference material for servicemembers amid a PCS move.

These books describe everything from local attractions and family friendly hotels to popular eating establishments and local landmarks.

"If you want to research your next assignment, we have a book for you. We can help you research the culture and community of your next home," said Becker.

There's also something for those travelers who want to stay a little closer to GTMO and are traveling to any destination in the Caribbean.

The library has a user-friendly card

catalog system in which residents can locate a number of books about a specified topic.

There are DVDs and audio books available at the library although travel and destination material in these forms of media are very limited.

The library is open Monday through Saturday from 8-9 p.m. and Sunday from noon until 9 p.m.

In order to check out material from the library you must present a valid form of identification to the staff member at the front desk.

So remember, the next time you are preparing for your next trip off-island, pack your bags, purchase your plane ticket and stop by the community library to check out your destination guide!

Housing News

The housing staff would like to remind residents to ensure that their homes are hurricane ready. Please secure any loose belongings and stock up on hurricane items prior to departing for vacation.

Please remember to lock your quarters when you are not at home. Your safety is important to us! If you will be leaving the island, please make sure to submit an Absent from Quarters form, indicating the dates of your vacation and name of your appointed overseer.

Yard of the Quarter nominations and judging is performed at the end of June. Participation is highly encouraged.

Shipments of 200 upright mid-size freezers and 260 sets of washers & dryers are arriving soon. Place your name on the waiting list for these items now by sending an email to GTMO Housing at HousingGTMO@usnbgtno.navy.mil. Please include your name, address, contact numbers, and item desired. Waiting list placement is determined by the date/time the email request is received, and items will be provided on a first come, first served basis.

Residential locks are being checked to ensure they work with master keys. If they are

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Going once, going twice —

Ensign Jeremy Gerrard does his best to encourage more bids during the Hispanic-American Heritage Association (HAHA) annual Bachelor and Bachelorette auction, June 23. The fundraiser raised almost \$1,000 that will go toward the association's annual dinner dance. Winners and their 'dates' will gather June 30 at the Community Center to enjoy movies and refreshments. "HAHA expresses profound gratitude to the handsome and creative auction participants and the GTMO community for their support," said Lupe Beltran, HAHA president.



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